The Hong Kong Daily Press.

No. 6293 號八十九百二千六第 日五初月二年寅戊緒光 HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH, 1878. 三拜禮 號六月二英 港香 [PRICE $2½ PER MONTH.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

February 4, FRIEDERICH, German sch., 295, Heyer, from Whampoa.—WHELER & Co.
February 5, MOSQUITO, British brig, 198, Miles, King George's Sound 12th Nov., Sandalwood.—GILMAN & Co.
February 5, CASSANDRA, German str., 937, Langer, Saigon 31st January, Rice.—WM. PUSTAU & Co.
February 5, CHARLTON, British steamer, 786, Johnson, Haiphong 1st February, and Hoihow 3rd, Rice.—HOP-KEE.

DEPARTURES.

February 4, VESTA, Ger. bark, for Tientsin.
February 4, FORMOSA, Ger. bk., for Tientsin.
February 5, NORNA, Brit. str., for Swatow.
February 5, CITY OF LIMERICK, British str., for New York.
February 5, PARSEE, Brit. str., for Saigon.
February 5, ALTONA, Ger. str., for Saigon.
February 5, CARISBROOKE, British str., for Saigon.
February 5, YANGTSZE, British steamer, for Canton.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Cassandra*, str., from Saigon—7 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The British steamship *Charlton* reports left Haiphong on 1st February, and Hoihow on the 3rd, and had strong N.E. monsoon and thick, foggy weather.

The British brig *Mosquito* reports left King George's Sound on 12th November. The first part of the passage moderate weather and fair winds to Java Head; from thence to port Northerly and Easterly winds.

The German steamship *Cassandra* reports left Saigon on 31st January, and had strong N.E. monsoon to Cape Padaran; from thence to 19 N. moderate weather; from thence to port very strong N.E. monsoon and cloudy weather. Off the Paracels passed a P. & O. mail steamer steering South on the 2nd instant.

SHANGHAI SHIPPING.

January— ARRIVALS.

23, H. Maru, Japanese str., from Nagasaki.
23, Paokong, American str., from Hankow.
23, Kiang-teen, Chinese str., from Hankow.
24, Shanghai, British steamer, from Hankow.
25, Kiang-ching, Chinese str., form Hankow.
28, Peking, British steamer, from Hankow.

January— DEPARTURES.

23, Honan, Chinese steamer, for Hankow.
24, Taitsing, British ship, for Nagasaki.
25, Juliane, German schooner, for Kobe.
25, Kiang-foo, Chinese steamer, for Hankow.
25, Ping-an, British steamer, for Nagasaki.
25, C. of Limerick, British str., for N. York.
26, Hankow, British steamer, for Hankow.
26, Glenfalloch, British str., for Nagasaki.
27, Paokong, American steamer, for Hankow.
27, Kiang-yung, Chinese str., for Hankow.
29, Shanghai, British steamer, for Hankow.

YOKOHAMA SHIPPING.

January— ARRIVALS.

23, Tokio Maru, Japan. str., from Shanghai.
23, Hudson, American bark, from New York.
24, Coriolanus, British ship, from Nagasaki.
25, C. of Peking, Amer. str., from Hongkong.
25, Bombay, British steamer, from Hongkong.

January— DEPARTURES.

22, Sunda, British steamer, for Hongkong.
23, Saikio Maru, Japanese str., for Shanghai.
23, Meiji Maru, Japan. str., for South Coast.
~~25, Newman Hall, British bark, for Cebu.~~
26, Ema, British bark, for Kobe.

SINGAPORE SHIPPING.

January— ARRIVALS.

21, Calders, British steamer, from London.
22, Fathool Manna, Brit. sch., from Pontianak.
22, Pontianak, British str., from Pontianak.
22, Geelong, British steamer, from Hongkong.
22, St. Olaf, Norwegian str., from Jeddah.
23, B. Letchmy, British bark, from Madras.
23, Annamite, French frigate, from Saigon.
23, Bowen, British steamer, from Australia.
23, Race Horse, Siam. bark, from Bankok.
23, Hector, British steamer, from Newcastle.
24, Eastern Isles, British str., from Muntok.
24, Ophir, Dutch steamer, from Rhio.
24, Moson, British steamer, from Rangoon.
24, Kjobenhavn, Danish str., from Rangoon.
25, Patroclus, British str., from Hongkong.
25, Argyll, British steamer, from Calcutta.
25, Archos, British bark, from Cootie.
25, Georges, German bark, from Swatow.
25, Teucer, British steamer, from Liverpool.
26, B. Batam Sree, Brit. str., from Malacca.
26, Arratoon Apcar, Brit. str., from Calcutta.

January— DEPARTURES.

21, Nelson, British steamer, for Penang.
21, General Pel, Dutch steamer, for Acheen.
21, Salvadora, Spanish steamer, for Manila.
21, B. Batam Sree, British str., for Malacca.
21, Occident, German bark, for Hongkong.
21, Indus, British steamer, for Hongkong.
22, Royalist, Sarawak steamer, for Sarawak.
22, Concordia, Portuguese brig, for Goa.
22, P. Fitzpatrick, Amer. bark, for H'kong.
22, Gordon Castle, British str., for New York.
23, Canopus, Ger. bark, for Elephant Point.
23, Pakman, British steamer, for Saigon.
24, Strathairly, British steamer, for Saigon.
24, Pontianak, British str., for Pontianak.
24, Ophir, Dutch steamer, for Sumatra.
24, Irene, German brig, for Elephant Point.
24, Geelong, British steamer, for Bombay.
25, Japan, British steamer, for Malacca.
25, Selim, British bark, for London.
25, Annina, Italian bark, for Rangoon.

AUCTION SALES TO-DAY.

None.

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

HENRY B. HYDE, President.
J. W. ALEXANDER, Vice-President.
SAMUEL BORROWE, Secretary.
A. A. HAYES, Jr., General Manager for China and Japan.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE—120, BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

ASSETS ..... $31,700,000.
SURPLUS ..... $5,500,000.

The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS in HONGKONG, China, for the above Company, are prepared to accept RISKS at GREATLY REDUCED RATES and upon Terms very favourable to the Assured.

For full information and Particulars, apply to

OLYPHANT & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st January, 1878. [202

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIRST. A.D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation, are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China, and Australia.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.

A discount of 20% allowed.

LIFE DEPARTMENT.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000, at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, 26th July, 1877. [20

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. E. RAPP in our Firm CEASED from This Day.

E. BLACKHEAD & Co.

Hongkong, 1st October, 1877. [1m1488

NOTICE.

I HAVE THIS DAY established myself at this Port, under the Style or Firm,

WEST POINT IRON WORKS. ENGINEERS AND BOILERMAKERS.

BY E.

WILLIAM DUNPHY & CO.

Late Manager of the Novelty Iron Works, Hongkong.

WM. DUNPHY.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1877. [6m1810

NOTICE.

MR. GEORGE SKELTON YUILL is authorised to SIGN our FIRM from this date.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1878 [tf251

NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES DAVID BOTTOMLEY was admitted a PARTNER in our Firm on the 1st July, 1877.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1877. [42

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself at this Port as a GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.

J. Y. VERNON SHAW.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1877. [6m1623

NOTICE.

MR. H. F. MEYERINK has been admitted a PARTNER in our Firm from this date.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1878. [3m74

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day established myself at this Port as a MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT, under the Style or Firm of GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., who will henceforward conduct the Agency of the AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

G. R. STEVENS.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1877. [84

NOTICE.

MR. HORATIO GAY JAMES was admitted a PARTNER in our Firm on the 1st January, 1878.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1878. [124

NOTICE.

THE AUTHORITY hitherto held by Mr. WILLIAM O. HOWLAND to Sign our Firm per procuration is hereby WITHDRAWN.

WILLIAMS & Co.

Swatow, January 8th, 1878. [1m148

NOTICE.

THROUGH lapse of time, the INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. WILLIAM MAUNSELL REEVES in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December last.

WESTALL, GALTON & Co.

Foochow, 1st January, 1878 [1m149

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....5,000,000 of Dollars.
RESERVE FUND ..... 650,000 of Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS:—

Chairman—H. HOPPIUS, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—F. D. SASSOON, Esq.
E. R. Bellios, Esq. — A. McIver, Esq.
W. H. Forbes, Esq. — Wilhelm Reiners, Esq.
Hon. W. Keswick — Ed. Tobin, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:

Hongkong—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER.

Shanghai—EWEN CAMERON, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON & COUNTY BANK.

HONGKONG INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per Annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—

For 3 months 2 per cent. per annum.
For 6 months 4 per cent. per annum.
For 12 months 5 per cent. per annum.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

CREDITS granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

DRAFTS granted on London, and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East,
Hongkong, 16th August, 1877.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL ..... £800,000.
RESERVE FUND ..... £110,000.

Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE CITY BANK.
THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

The BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange business.

Local Bills discounted, and interest allowed on Current Accounts and on Deposits for fixed periods on terms which may be ascertained on application. [1813

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The DIVIDEND at the Rate of 3% or $2.25 per Share, declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders held This Day, will be payable at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after MONDAY, the 28th instant.

Shareholders are requested to apply at the Office of the Company for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1878. [217

NOTICE.

BOOKBINDING IN ALL ITS BRANCHES AT THE "DAILY PRESS" OFFICE.

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SHIPS AND PRIVATE FAMILIES SUPPLIED WITH THE BEST PROVISIONS.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Sole Agents for the Sale of their Goods in Hongkong and China by Messrs. J. & R. TENNENT, Glasgow, and Messrs. DAVID CORSAR & Sons, Arbroath.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, January, 1867. [16

INTIMATIONS.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

REGISTERED UNDER THE COMPANIES' ORDINANCE, 1865.

CAPITAL $600,000 IN 6,000 SHARES OF $100 EACH (FULLY PAID UP).

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.

W. H. FORBES, Esq. — W. REINERS, Esq.
F. D. SASSOON, Esq. — LAI YUK SUN (of the Yow-loong Hong).
E. R. BELLIOS, Esq.

MANAGER.

H. DICKIE, Esq.

GENERAL AGENTS.

Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

BANKERS.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

SOLICITOR.

WM. H. BRERETON, Esq.

This Company has been formed for the purpose of acquiring from the present Proprietors the PROPERTY, INTEREST, and GOODWILL of the CHINA SUGAR REFINERY at East Point, which for the past five years has been managed under the direction of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON and COMPANY, comprising the LAND and BUILDINGS occupied by the Refinery, and the PLANT, MACHINERY, and STOCK-IN-TRADE therein, and of carrying on the Business of a Sugar Refinery in all its branches, for which complete facilities are now afforded not only in the Ground and Premises, Plant and Machinery referred to, but in the valuable Business and Connection possessed by the present Owners.

The above-mentioned Premises comprise, firstly, that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND, in Hongkong registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 231, with the MESSUAGES and BUILDINGS thereon, known as the Mint-Premises, and those adjoining PIECES of GROUND, registered in the Land Office as Inland Lots Nos. 470, 471, 515, 524, 563, and 742, with the MESSUAGES and BUILDINGS thereon, and the PLANT, MACHINERY, ENGINES, BOILERS, VACUUM PANS, FURNITURE, FITTINGS, and APPLIANCES now used by the China Sugar Refinery; secondly, that PIECE or PARCEL of GROUND in Hongkong aforesaid, with the MESSUAGES and BUILDINGS thereon, registered in the Land Office as Section A of Marine Lot No. 52, with the MESSUAGES and BUILDINGS thereon, being the remainder of the Premises comprising the said Refinery; and thirdly, the STOCK-IN-TRADE, EXTRA PLANT, MACHINERY, GOODS, and CHATTELS, which are or will be in and about the said Premises and belonging to the Owners on the 28th day of February instant. All the described Premises have been agreed to be sold to the Company by contract in writing dated the 22nd day of January, 1878, made between the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION of the first part, Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. of the second part, and the above-named COMMITTEE for, and on behalf of the Company of the third part; whereby it was agreed that without any further sanction or confirmation of or by the Company or the Shareholders, the Premises firstly and secondly mentioned should be absolutely made over to the Company for the aggregate sum of $425,000, made up as follows:—For the Premises, firstly mentioned, the sum of $300,000 to be paid to the first-mentioned party; for the Premises secondly mentioned, the sum of $125,000 to be paid to the second mentioned party. And as to the thirdly named Premises, the price payable for the same to the first named party, to be ascertained by a valuation to be made on the 28th February instant, the value thereof being now roughly estimated at $100,000.

Mr. DICKIE, under whose able management the Works have been placed in their present efficient state, has offered his services to the Company as Manager, which have been accepted. Although it has been in contemplation for some years past to transfer the Property and Business of the present Proprietors to a Public Company, it was not thought prudent to do so until by such an experience of the working of the Concern as has been gained during the last three years, its future success should be assured.

The present Proprietors are prepared to hand over the Property and Business to the Company in a state of complete efficiency on the First of March next, and arrangements are being made to commence full work on that date.

The Business of the Company will be conducted by Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., as General Agents, assisted by a Consulting Committee.

It is intended that the whole of the Capital shall be called up as follows:—

$25 per Share on allotment or within 10 days thereafter.
$75 per Share on 1st day of March, 1878, or within 10 days thereafter.

All calls unpaid after these dates shall bear interest at 12 per cent. per annum.

The surplus Capital after payment of the Purchase Money of the Property as above-mentioned, estimated at about $75,000, will be available for working the Business of the Company.

One half of the Shares have already been subscribed; the remainder are offered to the public. Applications for Shares, which should be in the annexed Form, will be received by the General Agents, up to the 20th day of February, 1878.

Form of Application for Shares above referred to.

Hongkong, day of 1878.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

To Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

GENTLEMEN,—hereby request that you will allot to Shares in the above Company, and agree to accept such Shares or any less number you may allot to and agree to pay the first Call of Dollars Twenty-five per Share, within ten days after allotment, and also the subsequent Call of $75, and to subscribe the Articles of Association, whenever required to do so.

Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

Blank forms of Application for Shares may be had at the Office of the General Agents.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1878. [256

KEATING'S COUGH LOZENGES.

COUGHS, ASTHMA, BRONCHITIS, DIFFICULTY OF BREATHING are speedily cured by KEATING'S COUGH LOZENGES (recognised and recommended by the Medical Faculty): No other remedy is half so effective. One Lozenge alone gives relief. They contain no Opium, Morphia, nor any violent drug, and may be taken by the most delicate. One or two at bed-time ensures rest when troubled by the throat. Sold by all Chemists, in Bottles. [481775

J. AND R. TENNENT'S ALE and PORTER.
DAVID CORSAR & SONS'
Merchant Navy
Navy Boiled
Long Flax
Crown } CANVAS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, 11th May, 1867. [15

HONGKONG HOTEL.

TENDERS are invited for a LEASE of the HONGKONG HOTEL, the present Five-yearly Lease expiring on the 31st August, 1878.

SEALED TENDERS to be sent in on or before the 31st March, 1878, to the SECRETARY of the HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, who will supply any information required.

By Order of the Directors,

LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.

Hongkong, 15th September, 1877. [142]

AUCTIONS.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will Sell by Public Auction, in their Sales Rooms, Praya, on

FRIDAY,

the 8th February, 1878 at Noon—

An Invoice of Handsome Crystal Hanging LAMPS, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 Lights, for Oil and Gas; Hall LAMPS, LUSTRES, &c., &c.

TABLE and PENKNIVES, JAPANESE CABINETS, LACQUERED BOXES, FANCY BASKETS, TOYS, SILK SCARVES, &c., &c.

Also,

10 Double Barreled Flin and Centre Fire FOWING PIECES.
100 Long and Short ENFIELD RIFLES.
&c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 717. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1878. [278

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co. have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on a date hereafter to be mentioned,

The British Barque

"ALPHINGTON,"

of 326 Tons Register, or of about 3,000 piculs Carrying Capacity, with all her TACKLE, APPAREL, and INVENTORY.

The Vessel was built under Lloyds' special survey at Berwick-on-Tweed in 1856, Classed 12 years A1 at Lloyds, and continued in 1868 A1 for 8 years. She was re-metalled over felt in London in July, 1875.

TERMS.—One-third of the Purchase Money to be paid on fall of the hammer, the remainder upon transfer being effected. The Vessel is at Purchaser's risk immediately after fall of hammer.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1878. [183

EX LATE ARRIVALS.

RUSSIAN CIGARETTES.
PERAMBULATORS.
ICE PITCHERS.
SADDLES.
BRIDLES.
WHIPS.
SPURS.
HORSE BRUSHES.
SADDLE CLOTHS.
GIRTHS.
LETTS'S DIARIES (with ANGLO-CHINESE CALANDAR) for 1878.
COIR MATS.
SCARVES, in the Newest Styles.
SHIRTS, in the Newest Styles.
COLLARS, in the Newest Styles.
IRON and BRASS BEDSTEADS.
HAVANA CIGARS.
TAUCHNITZ NOVELS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1878. [65

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

ESTABLISHED 1865.

WM. CRUICKSHANK, DISPENSING CHEMIST & DRUGGIST,

IMPORTER of DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, PATENT MEDICINES, and TOILET REQUISITES.

MANUFACTURER OF ALL KINDS OF AERATED WATERS.

PHYSICIANS' PRESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY PREPARED

in strict accordance with the Formula of the British Pharmacopœia.

SHIP AND FAMILY MEDICINE CHESTS supplied and refitted.

PASSENGER SHIPS SUPPLIED.

N.B.—All business communications should be addressed VICTORIA DISPENSARY. [85

COAL.

BEST QUALITY CARDIFF STEAM COAL for Sale, ex Godown.

Apply to BATTLES & Co.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1877. [53

FOR SALE.

CUTLER, PALMER'S CELEBRATED WINES AND COGNAC.

Price List on application.

F. BLACKHEAD & Co.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1877. [46

ACHEE AND COMPANY,
31, QUEEN'S ROAD,

The CHEAPEST HOUSE IN HONGKONG for every description of

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

IRONMONGERY, CUTLERY, GLASSWARE, PLATED WARE, CROCKERYWARE, CARPETS, HEARTHRUGS, MIRRORS, ENGRAVINGS, PAINTINGS, STATUETTES, &c.

A House of any Dimensions Completely Furnished at a Day's notice.

50, QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG.

AH YON,
SHIPS' COMPRADORE AND STEVEDORE.
No. 57, PRAYA WEST.

SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS, and OILMAN'S STORES,

Of the Best Quality and at the Shortest Notice.

Hongkong, January 1st, 1878. [82

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has been appointed AGENT at THIS PORT for THE POSITIVE GOVERNMENT SECURITY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED).

W. H. NOTLEY.

Hongkong, 6th June, 1877. [634

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at Current Rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, 15th October, 1868. [12

INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the Fourteenth day of February next, at THREE o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1877.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

(Signed) T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1878. [253

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from the Fourth to the Fourteenth day of February next (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

(Signed) T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1878. [254

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The NINTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, 39, QUEEN'S ROAD, Victoria, at HALF-PAST TWO o'clock in the Afternoon of FRIDAY, the 15th February next, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 15th February, both days inclusive.

By Order,

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th January, 1878. [190

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, on MONDAY, the 18th February next, at THREE o'clock in the Afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts for the year 1877, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers,

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited.

Hongkong, January 26th, 1878. [223

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th to the 18th February next, both days included.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers,

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited.

Hongkong, January 26th, 1878. [224

WANTED, by a Gentleman of 14 years' experience in China, a SITUATION as BOOKKEEPER or AGENT in any one of the Treaty Ports of China or Japan. Address C. D. K., Office of this Paper.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1878. [1m147

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS begs to intimate that he has RETURNED, and is now READY TO RECEIVE PATIENTS.

No. 7, ARGUTHNOT ROAD.

Hongkong, 23rd November, 1877. [19

G. FALCONER AND CO.,
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS AND JEWELLERS.
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS, AND BOOKS.
No. 46, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

JUST RECEIVED,

A COMPLETE Assortment of LADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S PARIS-MADE BOOTS.

Also, an Invoice of

PINAUD'S PERFUMERY

C. L. THEVENIN,
No. 44, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1878. [241

FOR SALE.

COTTAGE PIANOS.

Apply to SIEMSSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 31st May, 1877. [tf13

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of the Company, CLUB CHAMBERS, on MONDAY, 18th February, 1878, at 2 P.M. (instead of as previously advertised), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1877, and for the election of Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 18th inst., both days included.

By Order of the Board,

D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, 5th February, 1878. [259

NOTIFICATION.

A COPY of the JURY LIST for 1878 is posted at the Supreme Court House for inspection.

Notice of any inaccuracies, omissions, objections, &c., must be given to the Registrar of the Supreme Court on or before FRIDAY, the 15th day of February, A.D. 1878, in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of Ordinance No. 11 of 1864.

It is further notified, that no person whose name is on the List as a Juror will be excused from service on the ground of any exemption to which he may be entitled, or on the ground of any want of qualification, unless such exemption shall have been claimed and established, or such want of qualification shall have been duly proved, at or before the time above specified.

C. B. PLUNKET, Registrar.

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.
No. 545.

APPLICATIONS for the APPOINTMENT of SECRETARY to the Municipal Council for the Foreign Community of Shanghai, residing North of the Yang-king-pang, will be received up to the 15th February, 1878, and should be addressed to the CHAIRMAN of the COUNCIL.

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By Order, RUSSELL & Co., Liquidators.

Shanghai, 2nd October, 1877. [44

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Hongkong, 30th December, 1877. [130

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Hongkong, 3rd October, 1877.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 6TH, 1878.

It is gratifying to note the frequent public appearances of the sovereign of Japan. His Majesty the MIKADO is undoubtedly a man of the time. His reign has been a conspicuous departure from the traditions of past monarchs, who isolated themselves from their subjects and expected to be worshipped as gods. The overthrow of the Shogunate and the restoration of the MIKADO's power brought the present monarch not only actually to the helm of affairs but to the front. Formerly scarcely an entity, the MIKADO is now a visible, speaking fact. He is seen of all men, his features are familiar to the masses, and he is, in fact, a public character. The EMPRESS makes frequent appearances in public, and displays a most laudable interest in the education of the weaker sex. The MIKADO is, and very wisely, a promoter of education. His Government has spent, and is still spending, a good deal of money in engaging foreign professors to instruct the youth of Japan in the languages, medicine, arts, and sciences of the West. The other day HIS MAJESTY presided at the opening of a new Agricultural College at Komaba, on which occasion he made a very sensible and appropriate little speech. He expressed a conviction that agriculture was the foundation of the prosperity of Japan and considered that in order to bring about the proper development of the resources of the soil it was necessary that attention should be given to the study of science. Young Japan is not content to follow in the old ruts; it is prepared to strike out new lines. The interest shown publicly by the sovereign in the welfare of his subjects is one of the most pleasing proofs of the progress made by the Japanese. In nothing does the contrast between China and Japan stand out more prominently than in the mutual relations subsisting in either country between the rulers and the ruled. The Emperor of Japan identifies himself with the common weal, appears among his subjects, and presides at festivities and on other public occasions. The Emperor of China is (whether child or man) immured within a gilded palace, and, surrounded by all that can render him feeble and effeminate governs the vast empire over which he bears sway through more or less corrupt ministers, and never sees anything of the joys or sorrows, the prosperity or suffering of his people. He is a despot, but has no real power; and the present child Emperor is a gilded puppet in whose name two women exercise Imperial power according to their own caprice.

THE discovery of gold in a new country has a talismanic effect upon the work of colonisation. The most thriving colonies of Australia owe most of their prosperity to the rich deposits of the precious metal which have been found in that favoured land. California received its first start through the same agency, and Otago is also indebted for its prosperity to gold. The gold digger is not to be deterred by climate, or daunted by the hostility of natives. Prepared to bear any hardship, he is likewise content to face any danger. The discovery of gold in New Guinea will, therefore, be certain to speedily attract emigration to that island. Already prospecting expeditions are being fitted out in Melbourne and Sydney, and will start very shortly for Port Moresby. Mr. LAWES, a missionary, has published the news of this great and valuable discovery. The metal has been found both in quartz and in the sand of a river bed, and is said to be very good in quality. It has long been suspected that gold existed in New Guinea, and this discovery is therefore not so surprising as it would otherwise have been. It has, however, caused a good deal of excitement in Australia, and there is likely to be a rush whenever confirmation of the report is received. Mr. LAWES strongly deprecates any rush until after the rainy season. He says—"Nothing can be done until after the wet season. I know the country well, having lived three years in the district, and am quite sure that great misery and loss of life must ensue, if there is any influx of Europeans to Port Moresby during the wet season. Any party going after that should take provisions enough to be independent of native supply." The difficulties attending the pursuit of gold in New Guinea are likely, it will be seen, to prove very much more serious than those encountered in North Australia. But they are not sufficient to deter the hardy diggers of Australia, who will soon flock across the Torres Straits to the new El Dorado. The Chinese will also doubtless visit Port Moresby as soon as they hear well founded accounts of the success of other miners. Should the new discoveries turn out to be *bona fide*, there is now a very good prospect of New Guinea becoming a British Colony at a very early date. At present the island is a *terra incognita*, and, in spite of the missionary and other explorations, would have remained so for years to come but for this opportune discovery of gold. If gold diggings are started in New Guinea, the British Government will be compelled to hoist the British flag in order to preserve peace. The natives are reported to be friendly at present, but it is only too probable that misunderstandings would arise between them and the diggers, which might lead to strife and bloodshed unless there was some authority to repress riot and disorder. Lord CARNARVON felt constrained to decline accepting the additional responsibility which the annexation of New Guinea must cast on the Colonial Office, but there is now every reason to believe that his successor will be compelled by force of circumstances to thus enlarge the boundaries of British rule in Australasia.

The Australasian Steam Navigation Company's steamer *Bertha* has gone over to the Cosmopolitan Dock to be cleaned and painted.

The "Merry Makers," who will give their first performance to-morrow night at the Theatre Royal, will only, we understand, give three performances in Hongkong, as they will leave for Calcutta by one of the opium steamers in order to arrive in that city before the season closes.

At the Marine Court yesterday, before Captain Thompsett, R.N., Baldi Lopez, a seaman on the British bark *Warrior*, was charged by Captain Baumann with absenting himself from the ship without leave on the 3rd instant. Captain Baumann said that on the morning of the 3rd instant the prisoner left the ship without leave. After a little time had elapsed he returned, and subsequently asked leave to go on shore which the prosecutor refused as he had left the ship on that morning without permission. On the same afternoon the prisoner left the ship again without leave, and did not return until nine o'clock that evening.—The prisoner said, in defence, that the prosecutor gave him leave to go on shore.—The case was dismissed.

The Japanese gunboat *Seiki*, which arrived here on the evening of the 3rd instant, is on her way for a tour to all the principal ports in Asia and Europe. Her present orders are to proceed from here about the 12th instant for Singapore, Ceylon, Aden, Suez, Port Said, Besika Bay, Malta, Gibraltar, Marseilles, and Portsmouth. The vessel was built at Yokoska, Japan, in 1874, under the superintendence and design of M. Chiboudier, a French gentleman, who was then attached to the Japanese Imperial Arsenal. Her length is sixty-five metres; breadth seven metres; draught forward eleven feet; draught aft thirteen feet. She has two decks, and carries upon the upper one five guns. The state cabin, ward room, &c., are handsomely fitted. The following is a list of her officers:—Captain Inowya. Lieutenants—E. Etaki, T. Ogasawara, and K. Ejishi. Navigating Lieutenant—H. Tsunada. Sub-Lieutenant—S. Jingushi. Doctor—M. Kagami. Surgeon—S. Adachi. Assistant-Surgeon—K. Kaohika. Chief Engineer—S. Hoshiyama. Paymaster—T. Hachisu. Assistant Paymaster—T. Hirano. Midshipmen—S. Kurayama, M. Nakakawa, S. Kawmura, S. Kawamura, and S. Shinosaki. Navigating Midshipmen—B. Seki and S. Miwora. Secretary—M. Takado. The Japanese gunboat *Tsukuba* left Yokohama on the 29th ultimo for Australia. She will make a round trip and come to Hongkong.

AMATEUR DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

On Monday night an amateur dramatic performance was given at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, before a large and fashionable audience. Amongst those present were His Excellency the Governor and Mrs. Hennessy, Lady Smale, Admiral Hillyar, C.B., Colonel Bassano, C.B., and a number of naval and military officers, together with most of the principal residents.

The piece chosen for representation was a comedy by Mr. Tom Taylor in three acts, entitled "Still waters run deep," which is admirably adapted for representation by amateurs. The comedy is obviously the production of the same pen as "The Ticket-of-Leave Man," though it contains less incident. It is, however, so well connected that the interest of the spectators never flags, and their sympathy and mirth are constantly excited. Frequently on previous occasions have we had the pleasure of speaking in terms of well deserved praise of our amateur players, but never has commendation been better merited than in the present instance.

Mrs. Hector Sternhold, the widow, strong-minded in every point, save one, was represented by Mrs. Hockey, who evinced such true histrionic talent that the audience was at once surprised and delighted; the part was one which required acting in the strictest sense of the word, and Mrs. Hockey did it full justice; the careful study that lady had given the part was as evident as was her talent. The passion with which the emotional portions of Mrs. Hockey's part were rendered was so faithful to nature as to send a sympathizing thrill through her auditors, while some of her speeches were amongst the finest specimens of declamation the City Hall Theatre has ever heard. Mrs. George Howard sustained the character of *Mrs. Mildmay*, the young wife, pure yet weak; and prettily and effectively she looked and acted the *rôle*. The representation was very pleasing, and in most part unexceptionable; the critic might perhaps venture to suggest that passionate speeches should come not from the heart and not from the lips alone. Mrs. Howard is evidently not a novice on the stage; her gestures, attitude, voice, and by-play were worthy of all praise; the start and scream of surprise upon *Mr. Mildmay's* unexpected appearance, the sudden revulsion of feeling, and the tremulous, frightened-dove like manner in which she sought his protection from the danger which she had herself encouraged, but dared not disclose, were perfect. Mrs. Hockey and Mrs. Howard wore very becoming dresses, and when we say that Mrs. Hockey looked *Mrs. Hector Sternhold*, and Mrs. George Howard looked *Mrs. Mildmay*, perhaps these ladies will understand our appreciation of their taste.

The impersonation by Mr. George Howard of the part of *Mr. Mildmay* was a most masterly performance. It was a part full of repose, yet with a [illegible] fund of latent danger under the surface. [illegible] ward did not fail to appreciate to the full [illegible] ing of the title of his play, which was to be realized in his person. The patient, henpecked, country-bred, and snubbed young husband was as faithfully portrayed as the calm, but shrewd man of business, the determined corrector of wrong and the loving and forgiving "closest friend." The whole part was so well acted that it is difficult to single out any point in particular for praise; but it is with pleasure we call to recollection the domesticity of the opening; the quiet demeanour when dealing with *Mr. Potter* in the Galvanic Navigation Company's shares, yet giving the suggestion of an inferior purpose in their acquisition; the really artistic acting in the scene where he at length fixed the vice of convincing fact upon the ruthless *Hawksley* and compelled the redemption of the shares at par and the restoration of *Mrs. Sternhold's* letters; and lastly, but not least, the pathetic soothing and kindly reproach of his repentant wife upon the restoration of peace and confidence. Mr. Howard was a strong pillar, and the Amateurs did well in leaning upon him; the Colony will be unfortunate in losing him.

Mr. Hockey sustained the character of *Captain Hawksley* and acted with more than his usual ability; he thoroughly realized the impersonation and succeeded accordingly. *Captain Hawksley*, the fascinating, unscrupulous roué, was there true to life; the appeal to *Mrs. Mildmay*, however, savoured of the melodrama, and was therefore out of place, but the greed for gain at any sacrifice to others, the brutal cold-blooded crushing of *Mrs. Hector Sternhold* by the lover of the love-letters to himself, the assurance and bluster before detection of his forgery, the abject cowardice when exposed, and, above all, the agony of mind suffered as *Mr. Mildmay* tightened his hold by the revelation of one damning fact after another, were all faithfully represented, and effectually carried away the spectators.

Our ever-welcome friend Mr. Traeb scored another decided success in his representation of *Mr. Potter*, the cunning but withal childish old father of *Mrs. Mildmay*. His get-up was admirable; his attitudes and his by-play were the fruit of careful study of his part, which could scarcely have been improved on. It is difficult to say when he was most amusing, but we can safely aver that he never missed an opportunity of raising a laugh. Yet while Mr. Traeb imparted all the humour possible into the character, he never verged upon the extravagant. *Potter* was there throughout, perfectly consistent, true to life.

Mr. Murray took the part of *Dunbilk*, the Hibernian speculator; Mr. Hawkins that of *Longford*; Mr. Sydenham that of *Markham*; Mr. McGeachan, that of *Gimlet*, the detective; and Mr. Brickstone that of *Jessop*. None of them had much to say, but what they had to do was well done. Their by-play in the closing scene was very good, and the ability with which they sustained their parts contributed in no mean degree to the success of the situation.

Great attention was shown throughout to details, and the arrangement of the scenes was very effective and in excellent taste. It is not too much to say that no better amateur performance has ever been presented to the public of this Colony.

Mr. Hockey and Mr. George Howard were called before the curtain at the close of the second act, after the office scene, and the applause throughout was as frequent and enthusiastic as it was well earned.

A portion of the fine band of Her Majesty's 74th Regiment was present and played some choice selections during the intervals. The Scotch airs were much appreciated and warmly applauded.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

SUPPLIED TO THE "DAILY PRESS."

[BY SOUTHERN ROUTE.]

LONDON, 3rd February.

THE RUSSO-TURKISH WAR.—SUSPENSION OF HOSTILITIES.

The preliminary protocol of the armistice has been signed, and there is a suspension of hostilities.

PROPOSED EUROPEAN CONFERENCE.

Russia has agreed to Austria's proposal for a European Conference.

CRICKET.

HONGKONG CLUB V. THE NAVY.

The return match between these adversaries was played on Monday last, and resulted this time in a decisive victory for the Club, the Navy having been successful in the previous encounter. Winning the toss, the Club sent their two bowlers to the wickets, but, like the King of France and his Army, on a memorable occasion, they marched there but to march back again, and two wickets for one run looked bad for the shore; the following batsmen however gave a more cheerful aspect to affairs, but so well did the left-hander Dalkin and his supporters trundle, that a rather good batting team was disposed of for 77 runs. The Naval champions with a shade of odds on them now came forward, but it was quickly apparent it was a bowler's match, and in this, as in the innings of the Club, several eminent wielders of what Felix called "the mighty sceptre of delight" were compelled to retire scoreless, or with figures following their names which but ill answered the expectations of their friends. In the second innings of the Club the bowling again mastered the batting, and a smaller score than their first was all that could be accomplished; but if there was a falling off in the scoring of the Club there was a corresponding one in that of the Navy, none of the batsmen successfully coping with the bowling. It is but seldom a match between two strong teams is fully played out in one day, but it occurred on this occasion, principally owing to the bowling, which was very much on the spot, backed up by the excellent fielding of both sides, a "caught and bowled" by A. K. Travers, and a catch at cover-point, low down, by Kelham, running hard, being brilliant in the extreme, while Topping and Henesge at point, and Carpenter at the wicket "brought down the house" on more than one occasion. The following is the full score:—

CLUB.

FIRST INNINGS.		SECOND INNINGS.	
Mr. W. Hynes, c Pearce, b Dalkin	1	c Carpenter, b Pearce	2
Mr. A. K. Travers, c Chapman, b Pike	0	b Dalkin	12
Mr. W. Dunman, b Dalkin	2	b Dalkin	2
Mr. E. F. Johnson, run out	10	c Keableigh, b Dalkin	1
Mr. W. H. F. Darby, b Dalkin	10	c Topping, b Pearce	8
Mr. A. B. Henesge (74th), c and b Dalkin	15	run out	0
Mr. J. H. Greer (74th), st Carpenter, b Parr	13	b Dalkin	3
Mr. H. E. Kelham, c Carpenter, b Dalkin	3	b Pearce	11
Mr. D. S. Grant, not out	1	b Dalkin	2
Mr. S. Hughes, b Parr	2	not out	6
Mr. C. C. Cavendish (74th), c Carpenter, b Dalkin	7	run out	1
b 5, l b 3, w 1	7		
	77		48

NAVY.

FIRST INNINGS.		SECOND INNINGS.	
Lieut. Carpenter, c Henesge, b Hynes	0	c Kelham, b Hynes	8
Mr. Dalkin, b Hynes	6	c Henesge, b Travers	0
Mr. Pearce, c Grant, b Hynes	5	c Travers, b Hynes	0
Commander Parr, b Hynes	1	b Hynes	1
Lieut. T. D. Pike, b Hynes	0	c and b Travers	2
Mr. C. Topping, c Travers	4	run out	0
Mr. G. Keableigh, l b w, b Travers	0	b Travers	0
Mr. A. Barry, b Hynes	4	c Johnson, b Travers	2
Lieut. J. F. Thomas, not out	1	run out	1
Lieut. E. P. Chapman, run out	2	b Travers	3
Lieut. Fenwick, b Travers	0	Commr. out	0
b 6, l b 1	7	b 5, l b 3	8
	31		27

SUPREME COURT.

February 5th.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

BEFORE THE HON. CHIEF-JUSTICE SIR JOHN SMALE AND A SPECIAL JURY.

SERIOUS ASSAULT CASE.

The hearing of the case against Charles Newman, charged with committing an assault occasioning actual bodily harm upon W. F. Whitehead, Inspector of Brothels, on the 23rd December, was continued. The Attorney-General (Hon. G. Phillippo), instructed by the Crown Solicitor (Mr. Sharp), prosecuted. Mr. Hayllar, Q.C., instructed by Mr. Breeton, appeared for the defence. The jurors were Messrs. D. Gillies, A. Newton, W. C. I. von Pustau, senr., H. Nicaise, J. H. Scott, J. G. T. Hassell, and A. Gozen.

His Lordship now summed up to the jury. He said—This is the last time, gentlemen, I shall address a jury for some months, until I shall have regained my health. I presided at this trial against the advice of my doctor, which I greatly regret. I must therefore ask your indulgence while I deal with this case, as in my present health I feel unequal to deal with the issue, which it would have been at least better for your comfort if it had not been raised. The Attorney-General thinks the charge of common assault does not meet the case. Then comes the question, actual bodily harm, and you are asked to find an assault occasioning actual bodily harm, and it is on these words, as it seems to me, any difficulty there is arises. I have often had occasion to express my approval of the conduct of the police in this colony, but not always. The Shaw-ki-wan murder case and the Gap murder case were clearly conspiracies to convict and hang innocent persons for the sake of getting the reward. The attempt failed in each case, but not until after, in one case, four innocent men had remained for months under sentence to be hung on false testimony. You must not, therefore, think that because a man is a police officer his testimony is to be accepted implicitly, especially when it affects himself. This seems to me clear, that if in this case Whitehead had conducted himself properly, this inquiry would not have been necessary and the prisoner would not have been at the bar. He is not answerable for his conduct as a police officer in this court, though it may affect the value of his evidence. If public justice has been violated in the person of the prisoner he must be punished, however much we may regret the conduct of the man paid to keep the peace which occasioned that violation. The offence of which it is sought by this information to charge the defendant is not that of the well-known offence of a common assault at Common Law but an offence defined by ordinance No. 4 of 1865. That ordinance, sec. 41, peculiarly worded so far as it is necessary to be clearly understood by you, is thus expressed: "Whosoever shall be convicted upon an information of any assault occasioning actual bodily harm shall be liable" to penal servitude for three years or imprisonment not exceeding two years with or without hard labour. This section of this ordinance is identical with 24 and 25 Vic., c. 100, s. 47, 1859, passed just 19 years ago; it was then a novelty, but I find no explanation in the Common Law nor in any statutory definition or provision, nor in any decision in England or in this colony which I can use as the key to open the precise meaning of these words, and none has been suggested to me. Indictments and informations have very seldom been framed on the enactment so far as I know. I am not aware whether the enactments in reference to assaults occasioning actual bodily harm have received any judicial interpretation. I have found none. There would be no difficulty in some cases of grievous bodily harm or of actual bodily harm coming within each definition. For example, if a man came into court minus a leg I suppose it would be accepted that if in the assault the subject of inquiry he had lost it, it would be a grievous bodily harm. Again, if he should come into court permanently disabled in the free use of that leg, that might be an actual bodily harm within the terms of the statute. Mr. Whitehead has happily displayed no such distressing symptoms to you. I use terms confined to the period of his appearance on the trial advisedly. In case of actual bodily harm patent to the jury it may be open to them to find a verdict of guilty on an information so drawn as to bring the defendant within the earlier part of section 41. The crime charged against this defendant is of statutory creation, and to bring the prisoner within its provisions, you must bring him within the cast iron lines of the words of the statute. No Court is at liberty to depart from the grammatical and proper construction of the language used in the statute, see Toldervy v. Colt, 1 M. and W. 256, and especially Warburton v. Loveland, 1 Hudson and Brooks (Irish Reports) 648 then cited. These words are quoted at length in 1 Kent's Com. 462. (His Lordship read from the authorities cited.) Again, you must give a meaning to every word especially when that word appears advisedly to have been introduced; you must not only say what is the meaning of "harm," I suppose "hurt," but of actual—I interpret it present, at the present time, *i.e.* of conviction by you—opposed to theoretical. Charge a man with assault *simpliciter* and you bring him within the ambit of the Common Law, whose provisions are elastic and mould themselves to the various circumstances of society. The main question is has the information charging the defendant brought him within the iron lines—the very words of the statute. What then, are the words of the statute as inflexible as cast iron? I have already given them. I incline to construe them thus, that the assault of which a man is to be convicted as an assault occasioning actual bodily harm must be an assault which at the time of conviction continues to occasion actual *i.e.* is occasioning actual bodily harm, and if you shall be of opinion that Whitehead did not prove to you that at the time when he gave evidence before you he was then suffering actual bodily harm, it is my duty to direct you not to find the defendant guilty of the aggravated charge against him; but you may find him guilty of a common assault at Common Law upon the information which affects to charge him with an assault in breach of a statutory provision. This I say on the assumption that the information properly charges the offence described in the earlier part of sec. 41, which I have read to you and to which I now again invite your attention. The words of the section are "occasioning actual bodily harm;" the words of the information are "then occasioning actual bodily harm;" the information stops the occasioning of bodily harm at the moment of the assault. Does not the section carry on the "occasioning" to the time of the conviction by you? If therefore the charge in the information stops short of charging that at the trial the assault was then occasioning actual bodily harm—which it does, for it says that the actual bodily harm was occasioned at the time of the assault and stops there—are the words of this section complied with? or if the evidence fails to be that he was at the trial suffering from an assault then continuing to occasion to him actual bodily harm, and he never stated that he did, and it did not appear that he was so suffering, a serious question may arise as to whether the defendant can be convicted of the offence charged on the information. If, after what I have said, the Attorney-General presses for a verdict including actual bodily harm, I will ask you to give me your verdict. Was the defendant guilty or not of an assault which at the time of the infliction occasioned actual bodily harm, and was that bodily harm continuing up to and at the time of the trial? Was the defendant guilty of an assault which at the time of the infliction occasioned actual bodily harm and ceased to continue as bodily harm at the time of the trial? If you find either alternative I will reserve the point. If your answer be in the affirmative to the first question, it renders an answer to the second question unnecessary. But then will not your finding go beyond the charge? You will affirm the allegation—the things charged beyond the thing proved. If your answer is in the negative to the first question, and if you say yes to the second question, then I incline to think you will not have brought the defendant within the enactment. The Attorney-General having elected to take your verdict on the statutable offence, I will, if you find in the affirmative of either question, reserve the points which may arise both grammatical and legal. The very stringent rules most properly applicable to penal enactments, on which I have already given much time to look up law, old and new, must be applied to the case. The rule is when you charge an offence created by statute, you must bring it within the very words of the statute, both as to the *allegata et probata*. You must "hit the bird in the eye" in your charge, and you must hit it also in your proofs. With a verdict of guilty on the statutory charge, I shall reserve leave to the defendant to move that a verdict of not guilty be entered, that will have become the only issue. It is, however, open to you, at all events, upon this information, to find the defendant guilty of a common assault, for that is charged in this information if you do not find the statutory offence professed to be charged. The question as to whether the defendant is guilty or not of a common assault is one of far less difficulty. There can be no doubt that there was a scuffle in the street between Whitehead and the defendant; both Whitehead and Lapsley, himself, agree in this. It is true that the defendant thought he was the injured party and that he invoked the aid of the police, but he was not, and is not the proper judge as to who was the first aggressor. Lapsley's evidence is to the effect that the defendant used greater force than was necessary to be used in repelling Whitehead, even on the assumption according to Lapsley that Whitehead was the first aggressor. The defendant was, therefore, guilty of an assault, even on Lapsley's evidence. He struck Whitehead when down on the ground and when no further force was necessary to repel Whitehead's attack, assuming everything as deposed to by Lapsley to be true. Even if Whitehead had been the aggressor, the defendant had no right to use greater force than was necessary to repel an attack. Lapsley's evidence is that so much greater force was used that he interposed in a decided way. Now this is an assault in Law—2, Russell on Crimes, p. 1,329. Under any circumstances, I submit to you whether a common assault has or has not been proved on which you could find the defendant guilty. I do not see how such a verdict is to be impeachable if you come to it. The Attorney-General having elected that the case shall go to you in the statutory charge within the first part of section 41, and, as he presses it, I must put the case to you on that issue. If you find the defendant guilty, in answer to either question I have put, on this information, you can do so, and the law applicable to it must be discussed hereafter. But if you incline to this decision, the conflict of evidence must be presented to you at full, on which I am now ready to enter. Before doing so I must say I think that as a theory it may be deserving your serious attention whether it might not be that Lapsley or Newman might have fancied that Whitehead was in the brothel, that the introduction and the conversation between Lapsley and Whitehead might have taken place, but elsewhere than in the brothel, Whitehead being with the party so immediately before they went into the brothel and so immediately after might have given to men excited by drink, or by what sometimes is its equivalent, unusual excitement, the notion that he was in the brothel when in fact he was not. The evidence of the sergeants that Whitehead was not in the brothel cannot be explained upon any theory that Whitehead was in fact in the brothel. But I see no difficulty in finding, as the Attorney-General has suggested, a mistake in fact by both Lapsley and Newman. There is one theory which is worthy your consideration, that the whole affair was a drunken row in which all were more or less under the influence of drink, and not one of the whole party can rely on his recollection. Before I proceed to wade through the evidence I will first refer to the injuries inflicted. I have no reason to doubt that Lapsley correctly describes the blow by the defendant, delivered by his fist first lifted up and brought down sledge-hammer wise on Whitehead's lip. Dr. Ayres called on by Whitehead, says that he does not believe that the blow on the upper lip was by the stamping of the defendant's boot or shoe. If it had been by either the exterior of the lip would have been excoriated—it was not even grazed; there was at the time a good deal of blood from the mouth, but none from the face; there were a few slight scratches, there was no injury to the eye, and this within two days after the row. Is all this more than what happens in almost every drunken fight, bad very bad—but where is the actual bodily harm? The gravamen of the charge was rested in the loss of the teeth. Now, if they had been natural teeth there would be a permanent, a continuing, actual bodily harm. The loss of natural teeth can never be supplied, but artificial teeth form no more a part of a man's body than his coat or his hat. The loss of these can in no sense be taken as a bodily harm. Dr. Rogers gave so extraordinary a report of the effectual use of artificial teeth attached by vulcanised india rubber or gutta percha that one only wonders that gold is ever used, except because it is more costly, but even these materials will wear out, and a question not asked, not answered, arises, had they not become feeble holders after the seven years which Whitehead said they had been in his head? Whatever pecuniary loss has accrued to Whitehead on the expense of the supply of them, I tell you that their loss was no more bodily harm than the tear of a coat or the loss of a hat knocked off from the head. I must now read the evidence and will remark on it as I proceed. Of the witnesses, I cannot recommend the Japanese women to you as witnesses of truth, nor the China boy who has absconded, nor Whitehead; all had interests more or less cogent to deny that Whitehead was in the brothel. His Lordship then read over the evidence bearing on the assault itself, and as to the evidence of the sergeants and the Japanese women, he said it only went to the question as to whether Whitehead was in the house or not, and he did not think it was necessary for the jury to go into that at all. The only question they had to consider in connection with that was whether Newman believed he had been assaulted in the place. Well, could they doubt that he did, when the first thing he did was to call the police and send up to the station. When they meet in the street he goes up to Whitehead, and says "I am going to arrest you and take you to the station." Whitehead resists going. O'Tool comes along, and then you have Lapsley, O'Tool, and Newman taking him up, and he is resisting. They get before a sort of judge on the occasion, the inspector, who acted very prudently, as it seems to me. He thought it a very stupid affair, and said "I think it a very light affair, summon each other if you will," and then Lapsley, with very good feeling, as it seems to me, says "It is a disgrace to all of us;"—he had just sense enough left to see that—"let us make it up." Then it seems Newman, big with his wrongs, says "I will make it up if Whitehead will apologise." "No," says Whitehead, "I will not do that." To my mind, gentlemen, it was dealt with by the police inspector very properly as a small matter—small, I mean, as an assault. It is so described by Dr. Ayres, and Whitehead comes before you certainly nothing the worse for the encounter except that his coat is a little worse for the tear, his shirt has blood upon it, and his teeth are gone. His teeth are no part of his person, as I have told you before, any more than his coat or shirt. The Attorney-General pressing it, I must ask you for a verdict of guilty or not guilty of assault occasioning actual bodily harm, and if you return a verdict of guilty, give Newman leave to move that a verdict of not guilty be entered, and then, gentlemen, we shall have the pleasure of a long argument which you will have escaped.—His Lordship then repeated the questions he had previously informed the jury he would ask them to answer, and said that if the jury returned a verdict of guilty to that extent he must give Mr. Hayllar leave to move that the indictment was not so extensive with the statute.

The Attorney-General said he presumed that if the jury found the defendant not guilty of an assault occasioning actual bodily harm they would be at liberty to find him guilty of common assault.

His Lordship said that if the jury said yes to the first question they must say no to the second; if they said no, the question would be yes or no to the second; if they said no to both their next answer would be as to whether there was a common assault or not.

The jury then retired and after a short absence returned into court with a unanimous verdict of common assault.

His Lordship said he entirely agreed with the verdict, which saved all further argument. He said he would not sentence the prisoner now, and asked Mr. Hayllar if he had anything to say in mitigation or the Attorney-General in aggravation.

Mr. Hayllar—The only thing that can be said in that he was drunk; I don't know whether that is a mitigation or not.

The Attorney-General said nothing in aggravation.

His Lordship—Well, I will consider this, because it is a very important question. I think it a scandalous thing as far as Whitehead is concerned—scandalous, but that I have nothing to do with, except to say that much here—and I mean scandalous of all of them. Lapsley was quite right in what he said. I think you will come to the conclusion that none of them knew what took place so well as to give us a proper and true account of it, that they carried away wrong impressions, all of them, and you have had to draw your conclusions from surrounding facts and circumstances.

Mr. Hassall (a juror)—That is not so, my lord. We returned the verdict in accordance with the law you laid down, that knocking out the teeth was not actual bodily harm. We were not allowed to return any other verdict, or we would have done so.

His Lordship—Well, you have given your verdict and we have received it. I suppose no one would ever contend that false teeth are a part of the body of any man.

Mr. Hassall—The false teeth occasioned a more brutal assault, but you laid down the law, and we had to accept it—with all respect to the court.

His Lordship—Then I shall consider the sentence. I wish I had not to pass it. That the keeper of the peace in this case occasioned the breach I have no doubt. I am sorry I have detained you so long, gentlemen, but I could not do otherwise.

Mr. Hayllar asked if the defendant could be allowed bail until the sentence was passed.

His Lordship refused to grant bail, and said that whatever the sentence was it would be one of imprisonment.

The prisoner was then removed.

SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. JUSTICE SNOWDEN.

ACTION ON CHARTER-PARTY.

CHAN YUEN v. BARNABY, 2827.30.—Mr. Johnson was for the plaintiff, and Mr. Breeton for the defendant. The action was brought against Captain Barnaby, master of the American barque *Quicksteep*, under a charter-party, to recover damages for the vessel not having carried sufficient cargo over the bar at Newchwang. The case having been partly heard was adjourned until this morning.

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FROM this date, until further notice, a discount of Twenty per cent. (20 %) upon the current local rate of Premia will be allowed upon Insurances effected with this Company.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
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Hongkong, 27th June, 1872. [24

PHŒNIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

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Hongkong, 9th November, 1868 [32

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Hongkong, 27th June, 1872. [23

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SIEMSSEN & Co.,
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Hongkong, 16th November, 1872. [30

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Hongkong, 27th March, 1876. [21

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Hongkong, January, 1876. [2

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SIEMSSEN & Co.,
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Hongkong, 1st July, 1874. [31

THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

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A. MACG. HEATON,

Hongkong, 27th September 1875. [28

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OLYPHANT & Co.,
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Hongkong, 17th April, 1873. [33

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GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 7th July, 1874. [29

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Hongkong, 1st January, 1874. [1

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Hongkong 30th January, 1878. [238

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Hongkong, 7th January, 1878. [129

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SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMALIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSEILLES;
ALSO,
PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND BOMBAY.

ON THURSDAY, the 7th February, 1878, at Noon, the Company's Steamship "SINDH," Commandant BRUNET, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M., Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M. on the 6th February, 1878. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

H. DU POUEY,
Agent.

Hongkong, 25th January, 1878.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTHAMPTON, AND LONDON;
ALSO,
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND AUSTRALIA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship "MONGOLIA," Captain COLEMAN, will leave this on THURSDAY, the 14th February, at Noon.

Tea and General Cargo for London will be conveyed *viâ* Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the direct route. Silk and Valuables will be transferred to the Calcutta steamer at Galle.

For further Particulars, apply to
ADAM LIND, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 5th February, 1878.

OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE,

IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL AND UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES
AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE Steamship "BELGIC" will be despatched for San Francisco, *viâ* Yokohama, on or about FRIDAY, the 1st March, at 3 P.M., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. on the 28th February. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day. All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PASSAGE TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY,
Agent.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1878.

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U.S. Mail Steamer "ALASKA" will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on the at 3 P.M., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

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